

REMARKS

With entry of the present amendment, Claims 49-74 are pending, of which Claims 49, 59 and 71 are independent. Claims 49, 52, 59, 63, 71, and 73 are amended by the present amendment. All claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Himmelstein et al (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0011270), DeLorme (U.S. Patent No. 6,321,148), and/or Labio et al (U.S. Patent No. 7,089,301). With entry of the present amendment, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiner Todd for the telephone interview that was conducted in this application on April 2, 2009. Examiner Todd and the undersigned participated in the interview. The rejection of Claims 49-74 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 was discussed. The teachings of Himmelstein, DeLorme and Labio were discussed. Amendments to independent Claims 49, 59 and 71 and dependent Claims 52, 63 and 73 were discussed.

In the present amendment, independent Claims 49, 59 and 71 are amended to make it clear that the electronic documents are webpage on the Internet in the geographically bounded region, and that the geographically bounded index is created by having the peer computers spider the webpages. In addition, the claims are amended to remove excessive references to creating the geographically bounded index. Dependent Claims 52, 63 and 72 are amended to make it clear that the geographical bounded region is based on the physical location of a peer computer. It is believed with entry of the present amendment, Claims 49-74 are in condition for allowance.

For explanation, but without limitation to the claims, certain embodiments will be described. The present system generally relates to an offline geographically bounded subset of the Internet, which is stored and indexed on a tablet device. By storing geographically bounded websites on a tablet device and making the indexed website content available offline, a user has the ability to use the tablet device to access this geographically based subset of the Internet, without connecting to the Internet. In other words, the user can use the tablet device to access a

website that has been indexed on the system without connecting to the Internet. The system also uses distributed processing by peer computers to optimize creation of this geographically bounded index.

Himmelstein, however, discusses an approach to geocoding web pages. Himmelstein discusses using an indexing/crawling technique, which extracts geocode information that is embedded within the page to map the page to a particular geographical region.

DeLorme relates to a handheld GPS mapping device that is capable of connecting to the Internet to download map and point of interest updates. DeLorme does not suggest the inventive concept of storing a geographically bounded searchable index of webpages (a subset of the Internet) locally on a tablet, so that it is retrievable offline without connecting to the Internet.

Labio discusses a distributed peer-to-peer networking technique.

It is respectfully submitted that Himmelstein, DeLorme and Labio, taken alone or in combination, do not discuss the inventive concept of using a distributed processing technique to create a geographically based subset of the Internet, and storing this geographically based subset of the Internet onto a tablet so that this subset of the Internet is accessible for offline retrieval, without accessing the Internet. As such, it is respectfully requested that the § 103(a) rejection based on Himmelstein, DeLorme and Labio be reconsidered and withdrawn. Allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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